



5 STEPS TO A SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD

Step 1 Get To Know Your Neighbors

- Learn each other's routines
- Exchange phone numbers and email addresses
- Regularly check on elderly neighbors
- Volunteer to pick up neighbor's newspapers when they are gone
- Join a Neighborhood Watch Group

Step 2 Don't be a Target

- Turn outdoor lighting on around your home
- Don't leave windows or doors open, even on hot days, if not at home
- Leave lights on inside your home or use timers when away
- Lock your car and keep valuables out of sight
- Secure gates, fences, and sheds that are easily accessible
- Always check your surroundings when approaching your door at night

Step 3 Report Suspicious Activity

- Call 911 whenever something looks unusual (strange cars with people in them; strangers checking out houses or cars)
- Have a pen and paper handy to write down details that could help police or use your cell phone to take pictures

Step 4 Get Out and About

- Walk around your neighborhood as much as possible
- Encourage your neighbors to get out with you

Step 5 Keep Our Neighborhood Clean

- Pick up trash, even if it's not yours or in front of your house
- Keep yards maintained, trim hedges that can be used as hiding places